

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING February 9, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, President
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Vice-President
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk (Via Zoom)
Mrs. Ann Taylor, Member
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Ms. Sarah Bell

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tristan Wright

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to adopt. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ No comments.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Matters about which the Board may engage in discussion but will take no action.

1. Administrator Reports

a) Enrollment Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Not much to report
- ❖ Truancy plans have been made with a few families. Talked too two families, will be talking to one more

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Not much on budget
- ❖ We will know in a week or two what the allocation for the New ESSER II Federal money will be

c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Students were brought in to do their benchmark testing
- ❖ NWEA Map Fluency Training will be for K-3
- ❖ We have the law called Move-On-When-Reading which says every child has to be reading by the 3rd grade. Some of the rules and laws have changed; there is a dyslexia screener that now needs to be done. We will embark on this in the next few weeks

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- ❖ Map Fluency Training tomorrow so that K-3 can be tested on how fluent they read and then look at the data to make instructional decisions
- ❖ Tomorrow is a no student day with some conferences and with more parent/teacher conferences next week and at these conferences annual parent teacher surveys will be handed out. Also, staff and student surveys will be done

d) Bond Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ There is a lot going on with the bond and they keep adding projects
- ❖ Arcadis, as the Project Manager, has taken over with little pieces that need to be done by Mrs. Johnson and Tim Burns
- ❖ The design for the septic for the 300 building has been approved. Kevin Dahl will do the design in the next week or so. It will then go back in for approval for construction
- ❖ Our new liaison is Debra Norris for SFB. She is the best we have had yet.
- ❖ The science room HVAC has been approved. Mr. Burns will be ordering it soon
- ❖ The next big thing is the weatherization. This is all the painting and repairing the outside of our buildings. This is still in process
- ❖ The structural analysis is still in process
- ❖ With the weatherization and the structural analysis we are asking SFB to pay for the full assessment to see what repairs can be done
- ❖ The roofing is the same, it was submitted, some correction had to be made and hopefully the roofing will go to the March SFB meeting to start fully assessing. Everything has to be assessed. Then it takes another month or two to resubmit so that the construction and repairs can be done
- ❖ We have a letter from G&T Alarm and the Tacna Fire Captain stating that the fire alarm is beyond repair. This has also been submitted and hopefully it will go to March SFB meeting
- ❖ The next item we are working on is the intercom and the voice over system (phones). Reaching out to Yuma County Sherriff Office and other people to try to plead our case that the fire alarm and intercom barely works. Its originally from 1995 and did some work to it in 2008. We hope these agencies can help write letters for us
- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright asked that with the HVAC in the science room if there are any considerations that we want to take now post to Covid versus pre-Covid such as increase filtration, ventilation that can be attached to that project. Mrs. Johnson stated she can ask that question.
- ❖ Mrs. Taylor asked if there is proper circulation for when the kids get back. Mrs. Johnson stated that most of our systems work. It will be cool enough when we first start. Mrs. Taylor also stated that ventilation is one of the things that has been stated in regards to Covid

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Tonight five vendors will be approved for the best transparency for vendors and auditors
- ❖ Once approved, Taylor will need to make an official contract and will have our Project Manager, Arcadis look it over
- ❖ As a public entity we must properly procure vendors, which means we have to go out to bids, dollar amounts that we have to follow, a process of quotes and record keeping
- ❖ It is not easily done, as a school we need to go through the proper channels
- ❖ Some of the approvals tonight will be sole source; with living out here, we can use the sole source terminology.

f) Maintenance Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ No report was given on Maintenance

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g) Return-to-School Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ We have reached out to families
- ❖ Have not had any families that have said they are switching to Distant Learning
- ❖ A few of the families that have previously stayed in distant learning now have said they are sending their children back
- ❖ We will be down to four families in Distant Learning. Some are still on the fence until Friday
- ❖ Teachers are still reaching out to their students
- ❖ We are preparing and getting classrooms ready
- ❖ The Return-to-School Plan has been updated and changes are embedded and left in green the changes

h) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ We have two staff members that are currently on FMLA leave
- ❖ One aide on FMLA leave so that puts us with fewer staffing so some of the extra duties will get tricky to cover
- ❖ We are down to one substitute teacher and right now she is subbing in the cafeteria because our cafeteria aide is on FMLA leave
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that FMLA is the Family Medical Leave Act. She also stated that a person has the right for up to twelve weeks to take FMLA for various reasons, such as illness, childbirth, and it can even be used if counseling and therapy is needed. The entity (District) is responsible for paying medical insurance and hold the job for those twelve weeks. We usually require recommendation from a doctor for the treatment. It can be twelve weeks total or intermittent
- ❖ At the end of today's meeting, board members are being asked to sign a conflict of interest form. In the past, it was only done as needed. As per the auditor general, we now have to train on it and every board member and every staff member sign one every year
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that she is sharing some personal things. She stated that there are some rumors going around and wants to let the board know the truth. She has sold her house and she does not intend to leave MVS. This is for personal reasons on many levels and life changes. She and her husband are building a new house in the Foothills.

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright asked if on our Return-to-School Plan, do we need to go back and amend it because Covid data is basically in the red and he questioned if we are conflicting with our adopted policy from November. Mrs. Johnson stated that in her opinion we are not conflicting because we made the motion last week and we adopted that motion and it was added to the plan
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that the plan has been updated and every time we transition, it is updated. Every decision has been noted
- ❖ Mr. Wright stated he just wants to make sure we are not conflicting with ourselves
- ❖ Mr. Johnson stated she wants to make sure the plan is reflective of everything we say we are going to do

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

These items are adoption of a routine nature and those that normally do not require deliberations on the part of the Governing Board. A board member may pull items, which will then be discussed and voted on separately.

1. Minutes

- a) Minutes of January 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense #21 \$204,178.79
- c) Expense #22 \$ 22,789.53

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3. Payroll Vouchers

d) P-15	\$45,709.54
e) P-16	\$45,821.60

4. Student Activity Reports

- f) January 2021
- g) Year-to-Date – 1/31/2021

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- h) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – January 2021

6. Other

- i) Tax Credit in the amount of \$3,100
- j) Possible Events that MVS Board Members May Attend and Result in a Quorum
 - Open House/Back to School Night
 - Fall Festival
 - Christmas Program
 - 8th Grade Promotion
 - AUHS Graduation
 - MV Community Church
 - Pioneer Day Festivities
 - 5 de Mayo Festivities
 - Tri-Valley Ambulance Benefit
 - Antelope Homecoming BBQ
 - Antelope Sporting Events

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. Motion carries.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Certified Contract for Sarah Rivera

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mrs. Rivera is now fully certified. She graduated in December. She has worked hard. She worked full time and completed her studies at the same time.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve certified contract for Mrs. Rivera. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2021-2022 Calendars (Student and 12-Month Employee)

Mrs. Johnson stated that this draft was shared with the staff and nobody said anything, therefore we are ready to adopt it.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 calendars. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Taylor Engineering Award of Bid: IFB-17-21-1-1 Domestic Water, Fire Protection and Irrigation System Improvements - Phase II of Water Treatment Plant

Mrs. Johnson stated that the board was given a document that shows the four bids that came in and it shows that Taylor Engineering came in with the lowest bid. There is a \$75,000 contingency that is not included.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve Taylor Engineering Award of Bid: IFB-17-21-1-1 Domestic Water, Fire Protection and Irrigation System Improvements - Phase II of Water Treatment Plant. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Westech as a Sole Source for Basic Spare Parts Package and Extended Spare Parts Package

Mrs. Johnson stated that there are two-dollar figures. Sternco made sure we are protected with spare parts and an extended year of spare parts.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve Westech as a Sole Source for basic spare parts package and extended spare parts package. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District as a Sole Source to Provide Power Line Extension Three-Phase Underground Primary and Overhead Primary to Supply Power to a New 600amp Service Located on the South Side of Bus Barn for the New Water System. This Will Be Known as Option Number Two URD REV A and To Install a New Domestic Turnout, Including Piping and Stem Valve per Engineering Drawing and Specifications

Mrs. Johnson stated that we have to run power out by the bus barn where the plant will be located and we have to open a new turnout in the canal. Therefore, WMIDD will do their own work so they have to be approved as a separate vendor. Mrs. Johnson explained who will be doing what to have the plant set up and ready to go.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District as a Sole Source to provide power line extension three-phase underground primary and overhead primary to supply power to a new 600amp service located on the south side of bus barn for the new water system. This will be known as option number two URD REV A and to install a new domestic turnout, including piping and stem valve per engineering drawing and specifications. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries with a 4 to 1 vote. Mr. Julian Rinehart abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Sternco as a Sole Source Provider for Extension of Services for Construction Review for Water Treatment Plant

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Mrs. Johnson stated that this an extension of his original contract of \$97,000 already paid to him. This is for continual construction oversite and it makes sense for him to do his own work. This payment will come out of MVS budget, this will not be paid by SFB, with a cost of \$24.250.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve Sternco as a Sole Source provider for extention of services for construction review for Water Treatment Plant. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Arcadis for Water Treatment Plant QAQC Services

Mrs. Johnson stated we already have them contracted but because this is an extension of their other contract we just want to be transparent.

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to approve Arcadis for Water Treatment Plant QAQC Services. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

VIII. FUTURE ITEMS

- Board Meeting – March 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Governing Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the District Office, 5151 South Avenue 39E, Roll, Arizona.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2021
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date